

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): KEG TOPPING DEVICE

By (Inventors): Robert M. FOSTER, et al.

- ☒ 17 pages of Specification/Claims 1-22/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-4; 3 sheet(s)) is/are attached.  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.  
☒ An assignment of the invention to Keg Toppers® Inc. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and \_\_\_\_\_ reference(s).  
☒ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.  
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ Priority of foreign application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.


The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	22 - 20	= 2
INDEP CLAIMS	4 - 3	= 1
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SMALL ENTITY			LARGE ENTITY	
RATE	FEE	OR	RATE	FEE
	\$ 375	OR		\$ 750
x 9 =	\$ 18	OR	x 18	\$
x 42 =	\$ 42	OR	x 84	\$
+140 =	\$	OR	+280	\$
TOTAL	\$ 435	OR	TOTAL	\$

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 475.00 (\$ 435.00 for the filing fee and \$ 40.00 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300. However, this application is entitled to small entity status. DO NOT charge large entity fees to our Deposit Account.

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